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Applicants request that the Examiner consider the enclosed reference in connection with the examination of the above-identified application and contact the undersigned if there are any questions concerning the reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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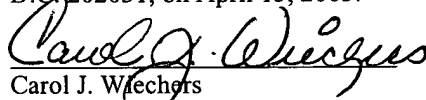
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